

City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Gaithersburg Farmers Markets to Stay Open through Winter Season

Gaithersburg, MD (September 30, 2020) The City of Gaithersburg's two <u>Farmers Markets</u> will stay open through the winter season, weather permitting. Visit the Casey Winter Market December 3, 2020, through April 29, 2021 and the Main Street Winter Market November 28, 2020, through April 24, 2021. Note that some vendors offer <u>delivery</u>.

The <u>Casey Market</u> operates on Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. at Casey Community Center, 810 South Frederick Avenue. You'll find fall and winter fruits and veggies, kettle corn and baked sweets. Note that it will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 26.

The Main Street Farmers Market is currently open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to Noon. Starting November 28, the hours will shift to 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's located at 301 Main Street, in the Main Street Park and Pavilion just one block off of Kentlands Boulevard. You'll find fall and winter fruit and veggies, distilled spirits, bread, baked sweets, and ready-made meals.

To help slow the spread of the coronavirus, several important safety measures are in place. Face masks are required at all times when shopping at our outdoor markets. Physical distancing is mandatory; stay at least six feet apart from others. Shop only with your eyes and plan ahead to shop quickly. Please limit socializing at the markets and avoid using your phone. Service dogs only; please leave all other pets at home.

Gaithersburg's markets are partners in the Eat Fresh Maryland program, fully committed to increasing access to fresh, local food for Marylanders of all backgrounds and incomes through federal nutrition benefits. Several vendors at both markets accept WIC and the Main Street Farmers Market accepts FVC and FMNP checks. Scenic View Orchard at Casey Market accepts SNAP.

Sign up <u>here</u> for the weekly Farmers Market newsletter and follow us on Facebook <u>@GaithersburgMarkets</u> to explore what's in season, tasty recipes, weekly specials, and more.

For more information, please visit the <u>Farmers Markets</u> on our City's website at <u>www.gaithersburgmd.gov</u> or contact Andi Rosati at 240- 805-1528 or by e-mail at Andi.Rosati@gaithersburgmd.gov.